

# THE DISCIPLE'S PRAYER

## Lesson Eight

### DO NOT BRING US INTO TRIAL

#### Burden to Impart:

While we live on earth for God's name, kingdom, and will, God's enemy, Satan, will try his hardest to discourage us and cause us to fall. We should not trust in ourselves to overcome him. Rather, we should realize that we are weak and should pray that we would not be brought into trial or temptation. The best way to overcome the enemy is by simply not being brought into temptation, by praying and watching.

**Memory Verse:** "And do not bring us into trial, but deliver us from the evil one" (Matthew 6:13a).

#### Facts to Teach:

1. The third matter we as God's children must pray for concerning our own need is that God would not bring us into trial, but would deliver us from the evil one, the Devil.
2. While we are standing with God for His interests (His name, His kingdom, and His will), Satan is standing against both God and us. Satan would like to give us a hard time to discourage us and cause us to turn away from God. Satan is God's enemy and Satan is our enemy. Because we are the ones God will use to stand against Satan and to defeat him he is constantly looking for a way to cause us harm and to make us stumble. He is like a hungry lion walking around looking for someone to devour (1 Peter 5:8-9).
3. None of us are so strong. We should never trust in ourselves, in our own strength. The Bible warns us that pride and self-confidence goes before a fall (Prov. 16:18). When Adam and Eve were tempted by the evil one they both fell. When the Lord was tempted by the evil one in the wilderness He completely overcame him (Matt. 4:1-11). We, however, should pray to the Lord that He will keep us out of trials and temptations.
4. Peter was a self-confident disciple. He felt he was stronger than all the rest. He declared that even if all the other disciples forsook the Lord, he never would. He boasted that he would even die for the Lord (Matt. 26:31-35). However, all of his boasting and self-confidence meant nothing when the trial came. He became afraid, denied the Lord three times and miserably failed the test (Matt. 26:69-75).
5. The Lord tried to warn the disciples before the trial came. He told them to "watch and pray." They did not want to fail the Lord. They did not want to fall into the Devil's plot. Their spirit was indeed willing, but their (and our) flesh was weak (Matt. 26:41).
6. The best way to avoid falling into a well is to not walk around it. It would be helpful to illustrate some temptations involving stealing, lying, disobeying, etc.

# AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION...

Matthew 6:13 (KJV)



Temptation is when we want to do things that we know are wrong. God will help us obey Him and stay away from wrong things. We can pray and ask God to help us do what is right.

What is the girl in the picture tempted to do?

...BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.

Matthew 6:13 (KJV)

